

The eyes of the whole country will be turned to the state of Ohio to-morrow, the political contests in that queer state always commanding the attention of the people outside its borders to a very remarkable extent. There is no other state in the Union which is so uncertain in its politics—none in which a better guess cannot be made in advance of the election. Whether this factor of uncertainty is the result of the vacillating politics of its people, or because its vote is so evenly divided, or from whatever cause, the fact remains, and it is never good policy to risk very much money on the result. The elements which enter into the present contest give it a peculiarly uncertain character. The Republicans, staggered by their unexpected defeat last fall and disheartened to a considerable degree by the local situation which confronts them, are in no condition to fight a winning battle, and if they are successful it will be due to accident and to the demoralization of the Democrats fully as much as to their own efforts. The Democrats also are far from being the happy family that their leaders boast about. There are factions among the Ohio Bourbons as well as elsewhere, and Thurman and his allies have no love for Hoadley and the crew of spoils hunters and adventurers that seem to be on top in the Democratic hordes. Cleveland and his policy do not agree with the Buckeye Bourbon's appetite, which is tuned only to the melody of spoils, and therefore there are heartburnings and bickerings. The pharisaical Leonard, who goes out in the bushes at the camp meetings to swig ale and to thank God (between drinks) that he is no much better than the majority of people, is doing what he can to help the free whisky party, but whether his aid will be much or little remains to be demonstrated, and for that reason another element is added to the doubtful character of the result, the only certain thing about it being the fact that inasmuch as Leonard prospers in his efforts is Hoadley helped. We confess that we do not see any good excuse for Republicans to rejoice in advance. Foraker may be elected, and that, too, by a handsome majority, but there is nothing apparent in this distance to justify any enthusiastic prophecies of that kind. The situation is mixed, and that always means danger to Republican success.

The explosion of 300,000 pounds of dynamite stored under Flood Rock in New York Harbor was successfully accomplished at a little after 11 o'clock on Saturday morning. The shock was felt in the lower end of New York City. As nearly as could be ascertained yesterday the results of the explosion were satisfactory. The island appeared to be literally torn in pieces and the work of removing the obstacle to navigation made comparatively easy. The estimated cost of the improvement is not far short of \$1,000,000. The object of all the work is to give a clear twenty-six-foot drift of water in Hell Gate, enabling the largest craft to enter in safety.

The New York State Board of health has notified the local health committees at Niagara Falls and Suspension Bridge to allow no one to cross over from the Canadian side without showing signs of recent vaccination. In the meantime small-pox has appeared at different points in New York and New Jersey, but it is believed can be confined to the person attacked.

The eyes of the nation are turned to Ohio, where the exciting political campaign closes to-day, the election taking place to-morrow. Senator John Sherman says "I feel encouraged over the campaign and its probable outcome, and I find that all of the Republicans are becoming exceedingly hopeful as the day of election draws near. The period of doubt and fear has passed, and I regard it as particularly fortunate that a widespread feeling of confidence should prevail at this stage of the campaign."

One has been carried by the Republicans at twenty-four State elections in the past thirty years, but generally in non-Presidential years, of late the Democrats have carried it. It is confidently expected that the Republicans will be successful next Tuesday. The extent of the Prohibition third-party vote is the only uncertain factor to be considered. Fifteen thousand is a figure generally agreed upon by both Democratic and Republican politicians. This is an increase of 4,000 from the Prohibition vote of last year, which seems large, considering the weakness of their candidate for Governor. But the real interest in the approaching Ohio election will be the political complexion of the Legislature, which will decide whether John Sherman shall be re-elected United States Senator or give place to a Bourbon Democrat.

BY TELEGRAPH

DYNAMITE DID IT.

Complete and Instantaneous Demolition of Flood Rock at Hell Gate.

One Hundred and Forty Tons of Dynamite, Which Took Nine Years to Put in Position Exploded.

Hundreds of Thousands of More or Less Nervous Witnesses—The Spark Applied by a Twelve-Year-Old Girl.

New York, October 11.—The blowing up of Flood rock in Hell Gate yesterday was a grand and splendid spectacle, and the result of the explosion was the complete demolition of the great rock, which now remains only as a huge pile of fragments, which will be removed by dredging. Hundreds of thousands of people beheld the scene from both shores of the river. The crowds that packed the Astoria ferries made the Long Island police hold up their hands and clubs in mute surprise. But the crowd that went to Astoria was as nothing compared to the crowd that turned out and went somewhere else. There was a general impression that as far from the rock, but not out of sight, was a good enough spot to be in, and all conceivable spots had been chosen early in the day. The little yellow house on the Astoria landing was the place from which the electric spark was to be sent to fire the mine, and from there a good view could be had of the different ideas entertained by the crowd as to what was safe. There were people everywhere—from solitary mortals sitting on the banks of the river almost out of sight to a multitude strung out on the New York side, which covered the green hills just below Ninety-second street and made it look like a monster mound of burkeberries—although with not a sign of a tent or a twig showing through. Looking back of the hill and up and down to the right and left, one could see something like a black fringe running along the top of the houses as far as anything was visible. Evidently the people of that quarter were sensible. They knew it was better to be on the roof and see the slight rumbling of the falling of their houses if anything happened, than to stay in houses, miss the show and have their houses blown up.

Around the little yellow house was gathered the lucky few who were to see the touch that would blow the big rock to pieces. No better place was ever seen than that little spot with the last work being done. But at the end of it all began to be seen. The big screw which had been dragging the rock for nine years was at last tugged away with its powerful crane and with the last fragments of the dismantled machinery. The "There had stripes that had been floating above the old wooden frame towering above the shaft were hauled down, and then everything over there was struck. An explosion was made with the cables. A fuse on the rock was promptly discharged and the wire was found to be in the working order. Then the work was only one thing left to be done—to make the connections with the explosives in the rock. It was not a very pleasant task, for once the connection was made if any one should happen to touch the instrument on shore, good-bye to the rock and any one then on it. General Newton thought it was his business to make that connection, and after seeing to the safety of the instrument he set out once more on the steamboat, with the same old old of dynamite. General Herby, who knows all about the work, and who seemed rather to like dynamite, went along too. When they came back all about the people began to think about themselves. Nothing remained but to touch a button and then that 300,000 pounds of dynamite and rock would be blown away, would go off and do its worst. Now 1,000 feet is about four blocks in Third avenue, and is not so far away as people generally like to be from even petty powder-mill explosions. It was easy to call up all of one's former suspicions and dread in such a moment. One young man in a crowd, who had very hard work to get in, concluded that he had been wasting his time, and he started apparently for South Brooklyn, after explaining that he was engaged to be married the month and that the loved one would never survive his blowing up. But most stayed and saw it out. General Hancock, with a broad blimmed hat, stood calmly beating his legs with a very big cane while a still smaller he held on to one of his knees, apparently firmly convinced that he had a good refuge from all danger. A dozen ladies, friends of General Newton or members of his family remained also, because the General had said it was safe and they believed him, but it was not very comfortable for all that, and a good many people afterward blamed the explosion for a trembling with which the dynamite had nothing to do.

Finally General Newton told the crowd to get ready. The rock was going up in two minutes. Every man braced himself and the young women took an extra hold on the arms nearest them. The photographers, who were aiming at the rock from every conceivable point of view, bent their cameras on their work. In the meantime General Abbott was delicately and gingerly bringing out into the open air the telegraphic instrument which was to send to the dynamite the order to get away with that rock. Close to him, with one hand clinging to his coat and the other reaching for the instrument, was a young person with a blue dress, a big hat and the big eyes full of the desire to make things roar. It was Miss Mary Newton, the General's twelve-year-old daughter. (When she was three years old she bit up Inten's Point reef. And now that she was four times as old her father had provided her with an explosion four times as big, and she seemed anxious to make it go.) General Hancock said "Ha, ha, you're going to make a big noise considering your size," and then stopped because he could not hear himself any more. General Abbott had stooped down, the small forefinger of my lady was poking vigorously down upon the key, and the 300,000 AND 300,000 TONS OF DYNAMITE were let loose. There was a rumbling, a walking skeleton.

Mr. E. Springer, of Mechanicville, Pa. writes: "I was afflicted with lung fever and almost on my deathbed, and a walking skeleton. Got a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, which did me so much good that I bought a dollar bottle. After using three bottles, found myself once more a man, completely restored to health with a hearty appetite, and a gain in the weight of 15 lbs."

Call's Swearingen & Hubbard's drug store, and get a free trial bottle of this certain cure for all lung diseases. Large bottles, \$1.00.

ROLLER SKATING SHOES at Freeman Bros. 23-dim

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LOCAL NEWS.

For a nice and cheap stand or hanging lamp go to
E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co.
See the Equine Paradox to-night.
The Sons of Veterans will meet this evening, at G. A. R. hall.

The regular meeting of the Good Templars will be held this evening.
The G. A. R. Cracker, at the Steam Bakery, are in general demand. Try them.

Just received—new bookbinder store at Heilmann's grocery store on Merchant street.
9-43

An effort is being made to form a lodge of the Tribe of Red Men in Decatur. There is a lodge at Bloomington.

Election in Ohio to-morrow; in New York, November 3d.

Another council meeting will probably be held this week to set on the electric light question.

Polo game at the rink Tuesday night, the 13th.
12-32

Do you want a good seat during the Y. M. C. A. Lecture Course? If so, go at once to Curtis's and get a Red Ticket, before they are all sold. The red ticket will secure you a good seat through the entire course.
8-41

News from Springfield about the Home will be of lively interest this week. It is expected that balloting on the location will commence to-morrow afternoon.

F. D. CALDWELL, the live coal dealer, is always on hand at the proper time. Give him a call.—3-41

Jury trials will be resumed in court Tuesday morning. Judge Hughes will not arrive today until three o'clock this afternoon. He will hear a few motions.

CALL up Hanks & Patterson by telephone, and order family groceries and fresh vegetables.

The Flora Moore comedy company failed to connect with Decatur Saturday night, the company having disbanded on account of poor business at Pullman, near Chicago. Manager Haines is in debt of pocket for ball rent and other expenses, but will endeavor to get even.

Opera Decatur coal of J. W. Baker, Postoffice Book store.
oct7-dif

The infant child of Isaac Coleman, of Oregon, died of spinal meningitis Saturday night and was buried on Sunday. The age of the child was six months.

The Decatur Athletic Association will meet this (Monday) evening, at 7 p. m., in Dr. Cole's office, over the National Bank. All young men interested in the Association are requested to be present.

SKATING at the rink Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights, with band music.
12-35

The concert at the Park Sunday afternoon by Goodman's Band drew a large number of visitors to that popular resort. It was a pleasant day, and the ride to the Park in the street cars was a pleasure and the music was fine.

Get that old rig repainted and fixed up in style. Take it to D. F. Hamsher on Wood street.

COAL delivered promptly by J. W. Baker.
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JAY GORDON and party passed through Decatur Saturday en route for the southwest on a tour of inspection extending over 7,000 miles. At St. Louis Mr. Gordon told a reporter that the place had been drawn for a new Union depot at that city. It will be built several blocks west of the present location.

ORDER coal and wood of George W. Ehrhart, and get it promptly.
7-45

TENNIS was an exhibition game of polo on skates at the rink Saturday night. It is a slippery sport, quite exciting, and is somewhat exhausting to those who enter into the contest to win. A large audience witnessed the exhibition. The game is to be of frequent occurrence.

TURKISH all agree that the Haines Bros. pianos and Packard organs, sold only by C. B. Presscott, are the best.

A COLORED minstrel troupe from Decatur gave a show at Warrensburg last week that is commended by many who were present. This voluntary endorsement is so unexpected that it is worthy of mention.

BEST grade of hard coal is sold by J. W. Baker, at P. O. Book Store.
7-41

Ten Paradox horses are put to bed in their special car every night after the performance.

GEO. EHRHART is still in the coal and wood trade, and is selling as cheap as the cheapest.

DEAL with Niedermeier on the Monard. His stock of groceries is first-class. Orders by telephone promptly filled.

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7-45

You will find a large and elegant line of the instruments of the Temple of Music in the new Haworth Block. The display includes the Hallet & Davis, Chickering, Emerson and Knell, and a varied assortment of musical merchandise.
7-41

ATTENTION! forward, march! To Abel & Locke's carpet house, where you will secure real bargains in household goods generally.

THE up-town office of the Decatur Coal Company is at W. C. Armstrong's drug store, where orders for Coal, in any quantity, will receive immediate attention. Telephone connection with the mine.
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Cyclone.
Burt's Shoes are time-tried. L. L. Ferris & Co. handle them; also all latest fashions in foot gear.
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MANY forget that the hair and scalp need cleansing as well as the hands and feet. Extensive use of Ayer's Hair Vigor has proven that it is the best cleansing agent for the hair—that it prevents as well as removes dandruff, cools and soothes the scalp, and stimulates the hair to renewed growth and beauty.

SEE Powers & Haworth's Washkap hat shop.
For Children, Machine and
" Misses Sewed, Ladies' are worth
" Ladies, \$3.00, \$3.75, \$4.00.
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A \$50,000 Damage Suit Fell Through With Request of Plaintiffs.
George Brown, of this city, has brought suit against the Indianapolis, Decatur & Springfield Railway Company, the Pullman Car Company, and the Chicago & Pittsburgh Railway Company, placing damages at \$50,000. The young wife of Mr. Brown died last summer, and the body was expressed over the L. D. & S. by way of Indianapolis, to a point in Ohio for burial. Tired out with many, many nights of weary watching at the bedside of his wife, Mr. Brown, who accompanied the remains, took a berth in a Pullman sleeper, with instructions to be awakened at Indianapolis, so that he could see that the body was properly transferred and sent on to its destination without loss of time. It is alleged that he was not awakened, and some six or eight hours' time was lost by the alleged negligence on the part of the agents of the companies above named. Mr. Brown is connected with the Steam Bakery, and has ample means to press his claims in the courts.

Sudden Death.
Joseph H. Steele, of Champaign, dropped dead at his home in that city this morning. The deceased was known to many of our people having resided here some years ago. He was a brother of George R. and James F. Steele, and of Mrs. R. J. Roberts and Mrs. John Renshaw. He leaves a wife and an adopted daughter. The remains will be brought here for burial, but the time of the funeral is not yet fixed.

Arrested on a Peace Warrant.
Nathaniel Griffith, the boiler maker, got into trouble with his family again Saturday night, and his wife swore out a peace warrant for his arrest. Marshal Mason put Griffith in jail. Mary Griffith's story is, that her husband has frequently threatened to assault her, and that when she was in bed sick, Saturday, he made an attempt to assault her, when, in self defense, she kicked him in the face with her foot, sending him sprawling upon the floor. She alleges that Nat then threatened to choke her. This morning Griffith's attorney appeared before Justice Curtis, who issued the warrant, and stated that Griffith would feed his wife the home property and leave her, if the suit was dismissed. Mary has six children and is in bad health.

The case was dismissed by Mrs. Griffith, with the understanding that her husband would give her a divorce at the recent term of the circuit court and make provision for the support of the minor children. The home property is now in her name.

Doing the Town.
A party of unfortunate movers, on their way out from Iowa, are in the city today asking aid. They are divided up into two or more brigades, and each tells the same story. They say the head of the family died on the way, that their wagon is broken down, and they need help to get something to eat. This is one way of getting back to a land of plenty. No doubt they received substantial help from some merchants. Other business men considered them professional beggars, and a hint that Overeuler Nowell might help them, was enough to send them out in a hurry to tackle another business man.

The Convention.
W. E. Mann and Miss Carrie Powers have been at Galesburg attending the state Y. M. C. A. convention. Mr. I. E. Brown was continued as state secretary for another year, and A. H. Mills, president of the Decatur association, was elected chairman of the state executive committee. It was voted that \$5,000 be raised for the expenses of 1886.

Sample Corn and Potatoes.
There is no county fair this fall to give the farmers a chance to make a show of sample products, and to fill the vacuum the Republican counting room has a corner for rival exhibitors. The latest contribution is a lot of big ears of timber hill corn and Early Rose potatoes, brought in by that genial farmer, Andrew Wray. A few specimens are among the best we have seen. If anybody can beat them the doors are open to other competitors.

A PRODIGAL virtue in Ayer's Sarsaparilla is that while it purges and cleanses the blood from all impurities and impurities, and thereby roots out disease, it builds up and invigorates the whole system, and makes one young again.

THE management of the First M. E. Sabbath school are determined to keep pace with the times, and now have a piano and violin with the organ for accompaniment to the singing led by Milton Johnson. The pianist is Emily Hummer; violinist, Howard Diller; organist, Miss Adams. The innovation is highly appreciated.

WALTER HANSEN reports that lively interest is being developed in the enterprise of building and equipping a dress-class gymnasium. It is proposed that the building be put up on the West Elmhurst vacant lot at the corner of West Elmhurst and Union streets, a very good point if reasonable terms for the rental of the lot can be secured. All interested are requested to attend the meeting to-night at Cole & Elsinger's office.

F. E. MULLER has gone into the sewing machine business. He is the agent for "Horsehold," and has his office and sample machines in the Bills block, south of the court house.

LEW ELLIS prides himself on being able to break any sort of a cantankerous horse that may be brought to him.

READ the new advertisement of Bradley Bros. on the fourth page of to-day's paper. They are offering some rare bargains.

BULLARD's fine carriage, with Wilbur as driver, was in the Equine Parade to-day. The Professor and Mr. Miesler occupied the elegant equipage. The span of blacks seemed to be under the spell of the Professor. All Wilbur had to do was to sit on the elevated seat and hold the lines.

THIS is adjustment day in the county court against the estates of James Fowler, Letty Lewis and Christians Koehler, deceased. Peter Perl presented a claim against the Fowler estate for \$90, and Hattie A. Wiley one for \$32.80.

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At the Churches.
Rev. John Leeper, presiding elder of the Vandellia district, in the city on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Wm. H. Mo. Caslin, occupied the pulpit at the First M. E. Church on Sunday forenoon, and delivered a sermon on "Faith," which is pronounced a fine effort by all who heard it. Rev. Leeper belongs to the Southern Illinois Conference, and is one of the ablest ministers in that section of the state.

The Rev. Dr. A. A. Kendrick, president of Shurtleff College, preached a powerful sermon at the Baptist church Sunday morning. His theme was "Growth," and he traced it in a very clear and convincing manner through all its varied stages—vegetable, animal, intellectual and spiritual. His grasp of the truth was very strong and comprehensive. The audience as usual was very large, filling every seat in the church. The Doctor is a man of about fifty years of age, of medium size, and has a very pleasant address. He has been president of Shurtleff College at Upper Alton, this state, for about fourteen years, and is considered one of our best educators. The institution has prospered under his management. At the close of the sermon the yearly collection for ministerial education was taken; the amount obtained was considerably larger than usual. In the evening the pastor preached the fifth sermon in the series on "The Fundamental Truths of Christianity" to the usually large congregation. The theme for next Sunday evening will be "Grace." The singing by the choir was very fine.

Rev. Scott, having moved his family from Lexington to this city, took full charge of the United Brethren church on Sunday, and delivered two fine discourses. Rev. Scott is a worker, and will doubtless inaugurate revival meetings at his church early in the winter.

Acquitted on One Charge.
The trial of that noted music dealer at Lincoln on a charge of forgery closed Friday, and on Saturday night the jury brought in a verdict of acquittal. Danley's defense was that he had a genuine note in his possession that belonged to his father, and that he had been authorized to negotiate it; that he had occasion to make a copy of the note for his brother who executed it, and when he (Danley) sold the note he got hold of the copy by mistake and did not discover it until after he was indicted. The original was sent to his brother for a copy and was lost. There are nineteen other cases against Danley for uttering fictitious paper, but they have all been continued to the next term of court.

The Fire.
A defective dam in the Hunt dwelling on Jasper street, near the Wabash crossing, was the cause of the alarm of fire this morning. Only slight damage was done. The entire fire department turned out.

Wabash Notes.
James Smith, general traffic manager of the Wabash, left St. Louis this morning for the purpose of visiting all the cities and towns on the Wabash system, to learn personally the condition of freight and other business and to become posted as to the general outlook.

During last week, at excursion rates, the Wabash took 5,411 passengers to St. Louis, and brought out within the six days 4,061.

Economy is the rule now being adopted by the management. The figures show that the station expenses between Decatur and St. Louis are greatly reduced, the average per week at each station being \$135.50, or \$500.00 per month on the branch, a distance of 108 miles.

The Wabash took 284 cars of stock into Chicago last week, an increase of 10 cars over the number landed there in the same week in 1884.

During last week the Wabash moved 12,627 loads: 1,663 of coal, and 815 of stock, or nearly as much freight as was moved last year, notwithstanding the fact that a number of branch roads have been cut off.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Emma Abbott will warble in Chicago next week.

Ex-Mayor Chambers got home from the St. Louis fair Saturday night.

Fred. Shoaff returned to Decatur Sunday afternoon.

Frank and Ed. Black spent Sunday with friends in Lincoln.

R. C. Bohon did St. Louis last week, returning to the city on Sunday.

Mrs. Clara Seiberling and child, of Blue Mound, are in the city.

John A. Mehan, of Philadelphia, dined with W. G. Johns at the St. Nicholas today.

At Morgan will keep bachelor's hall a few weeks, his family having departed for Michigan on a visit.

Prof. Geo. Bartholomew, Wm. Bartholomew and John D. Miesler, of the Equine Paradox show, are at the St. Nicholas.

Mrs. Shaffer, of St. Charles, Mo., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. M. B. Shaffer, on East Eldorado street.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Shellbarger, at Topeka, Kansas, have been in the city several days on a visit. Mr. S. has renewed his subscription to the Republican.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry O. Shockley, of Cincinnati, left for their home this morning by way of Taylorville. They have been guests of D. C. Shockley and family several weeks.

L. L. Bonesteel sends us a copy of the Keokuk Gate City, containing an account of the Old Settlers' Reunion held there recently. The paper contains the responses of the Old Settlers and the address of welcome delivered by the governor of Iowa.

SATURDAY afternoon Mr. Leonard formed his Juvenile Dancing Class, at the residence of Mrs. Chambers. The class, which is a very large one, will meet next Saturday at the residence of Dr. Walk.

Championship Games.
An important series of games has been arranged between the Chicagoans and the St. Louis Browns, to decide the supremacy between the champion clubs of the league and the American association. A purse of \$1,000 is to be made up by equal contributions from the two clubs, and the players of the club winning a majority of the games in the series are to receive the purse. The first game occurs in Chicago on the 15th, and the second in St. Louis on the 16th. In each of these games the players of the home teams will be given the entire gate receipts. Then will follow games in Cincinnati, Louisville, Philadelphia, Washington, Indianapolis, and possibly other cities.

PATRONIZE home trade by giving your orders for Decatur coal to Geo. W. Ehrhart.
7-45

THE HORSES ARE HERE.

A Week of Amusement at the Opera House Beginning To-Night.

The Professor Bartholomew troupe of trained horses, 20 in number, arrived in their special car from Springfield on Sunday, and made a parade of the streets between 12 and 1 o'clock today. The car was brought to a halt on Sunday afternoon on the sidetrack near D. S. Shellbarger & Co.'s mill where it was visited by scores of people. The first performance of the wonderfully intelligent horses will be given to-night, to be repeated every evening this week, the price of admission being 25, 35 and 50 cents. To-day the Professor was busy constructing the special stage, and as all obstructions have been removed from the sides the horses will come on the stage on a run and go through their pleasing exhibition. In every city where the horses have appeared the people have gone crazy over their acts, and Decatur will certainly be added to the list of conquered towns.

Decatur Athletic Association.
The young men of Decatur are establishing an association for the purpose of physical culture and social entertainment. They intend buying apparatus for a fine gymnasium, and will either build a room for that purpose or rent one, the Tabernacle seeming to be the desired room. The association will control all athletic sports and entertainments, such as base ball, boating, bicycling, racing, shooting tournaments and gymnastic exhibitions of all kinds, the same as in large cities. The present stockholders are:

Frank Kelly,	Isaac Martin,
Frank Wells,	Fred Mueller,
Dr. Elsinger,	Robert Mueller,
Henry Mueller,	Chas. Hildebrandt,
Wm. Stinson,	Chas. Hildebrandt,
W. J. Matting,	Raymond Campbell,
Walter Hopkins,	Edward Deitz,
George Brett,	Brook Irwin,
Wm. Hollman,	Dick Roake,
Ben Shockley,	Geo. Leavelle,
John Brett,	Wm. Payne,
Patron Brock,	Fred Murphy,
Henry Wood,	Robert O'Grady,
Edward Phillips,	Chas. Jones,
Wm. Haworth,	Chas. Jones,
Chas. Anderson,	G. E. Johnson,
Frank Luck,	Sherran McClelland,
S. S. Johnson,	Chas. Laux, Jr.,
Isaac Corbitt,	
Chas. Erickson,	

The enterprise is a worthy one, and will no doubt meet with the approval of all young men and citizens generally.

Base Ball.
The Barkers who were anxious to clean out the Norman nine failed to toe the mark. No game.

Saturday the West End Clippers, with George Tuttle and Wes. Lyon as the battery, visited Macon and defeated the man club at that place by a score of 18 to 15. The Clippers are all boys, and they are proud of their victory over the sluggers.

Sunday afternoon the First and Fifth Ward clubs played the fifth and deciding game of the season, and the First Warders were victorious by a large majority. O'Brien was batted all over the field, but Duffly, the pitcher for the winning nine, did very clever work, while Cooley, the batting slugger, had an off day.

The Fourth Ward Club, with Swartz and Montague as the battery, demonstrated on Sunday that they can play ball. They defeated a Picked Nine of some strength by a score of 10 to 9.

Newt. Davis has the pictures of the two champion league clubs on exhibition in the window at W. E. Hubbard's book store. They appear in separate groups, with the names of all the players written below.

A \$50,000 Damage Suit Fell Through With Request of Plaintiffs.
The above amount was what Busher & Hattin was sued for, for telling the public to "Beware of American Boston Rubber Goods." Our near by competitors of Decatur claimed that it injured their trade on the sales of goods. Perhaps the following will show the public more clearly the difference in these goods in question:

BUY THE BEST.
Do not be deceived. If you want the celebrated "Boston's" None genuine unless stamped plainly on the soles, Boston Rubber Shoe Co., Rubber Boots and Slippers.

We take this method of exposing the attempts of some parties to increase the sales of inferior makes of Rubber boots and shoes by branding Boston on them more prominently than their own name in order to palm them off on the public as being the celebrated "Boston's," by which term the Boston goods have been familiarly known to the trade for the past 20 years. The genuine Boston are invariably stamped on the soles "Boston Rubber Shoe Co." For sale by
Bosman & Hergen,
Decatur, Ill.

9-10-81
Fated.
At Monticello Friday a 2-year-old daughter of Lewis Combs was pushed into a kettle of boiling water at the residence of David Bruffit, and was scalded to death. This is the third and last child of Mr. Combs to die an accidental death within a few months.

Masonic.
Regular communication of Ionic Lodge No. 312 A. F. & A. M., this (Monday) evening, at 7:30 o'clock. Visiting brethren invited.
F. M. Young, W. M.
J. C. HOTTETTER, Sec'y.

SOLDIERS' homesteads judiciously located by B. McGorray, No. 134 South Water street, Decatur, Ill.
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\$5,000.00 Damages.
What do our competitors take the people of Decatur for? Do they think to ballyhoo and bulldoze them in that way? It seems our competitors have changed their tune pretty suddenly. First issue a circular and advertising in the papers "Beware of the Boston Gum Book," then after having to pay dear for their fantry to pull a blind over the people's eyes by selling them the same boot.

The Boston has been, and always will be, the leading Gum Boot in the market, and that company will maintain that "lead" at any cost. We have the genuine Boston Gum Boot that we can sell you as low as any firm in the city. All we ask is to come to J. H. Black & Son's, get prices and see the Gum Boots our competitors were advertising to beware of. Remember the place.
J. H. BLACK & SON.

The Chicago Grain Market.
The following were the closing quotations in Chicago at noon to-day:
Wheat—88 1/2; Oct; 89 1/2; Nov; 91 1/2; Dec; 92 1/2.
Corn—42 1/2; Oct; 40 1/2; Nov; 37 1/2; Dec; 37 1/2.
Oats—25 1/2; Oct; 25 1/2; Nov; 25 1/2; Dec; 25 1/2.

Concert.
On Thursday evening, October 15th, at the Baptist church, the faculty of the Musical College will give the grandest concert of the season under the auspices of the ladies of the Baptist church. The public may expect a very rare treat, as the programme is unusually fine, and suited to all tastes.
9-45

Removal.
Miss Helen Richards, dressmaker, will be found hereafter at her new room, over F. L. Hays & Co.'s dry goods store, on Water street. Friends and patrons are invited to call.
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